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#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Marion Elke Hofmann et al.

Art Unit:

1653

Serial No.:

09/445,362

Examiner:

Carlson, K.

Filed:

May 15, 2000

Customer No.:

21559

Title:

MYOCARDIUM-AND SKELETAL MUSCLE-SPECIFIC

NUCLEIC ACID, ITS PREPARATION AND USE

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

### PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) and MPEP 711.03(c)(I) and (II), applicants hereby petition to have the Notice of Abandonment that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned case on April 28, 2004 be withdrawn. A copy of the Notice is enclosed. According to the Notice, the application was abandoned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137 for applicants' failure to reply to an Office Action that, according to the Patent Office, was mailed on September 16, 2003. However, as explained below, this Office Action was never received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The undersigned, applicants' attorney of record, first became aware of the abandonment on April 30, 2004, upon receipt of the Notice of Abandonment, and submits that this petition to withdraw the Notice is being promptly submitted as required by MPEP 711.03(c)(I).

The following documents are submitted as proof that a Notice was never received.

1. A copy of all docket reminders from the attorney's CPI patent docketing system for the above-referenced application, indicating an Office Action was never received.

Also enclosed is an original signed declaration by:

1. Karen L. Elbing, Ph.D., attesting on the basis of personal knowledge that the Office Action was never received.

Applicants submit that they never received an Office Action and request that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn. In addition, applicants request that a new Office Action be issued.

If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: <u>4 May 20</u>

Karen L. Elbing, Ph.D.

Reg. No. 35,238

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## DECLARATION OF KAREN L. ELBING, Ph.D.

I, Karen L. Elbing, declare as follows:

I am a partner in the law firm of Clark & Elbing LLP and an attorney of record in the above-captioned case.

I first became aware of the abandonment of the above-captioned application on April 30, 2004, upon receipt of a Notice of Abandonment. I submit that the accompanying petition to withdraw the Notice is being promptly submitted as required by MPEP 711.03(c)(I).

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Upon receiving the Notice of Abandonment, I reviewed the file but found no Office Action. In addition, I reviewed the records in our CPI patent docketing system; it revealed no record of an Office Action ever having been received by our office. Attached for verification are the records from our CPI patent docketing system.

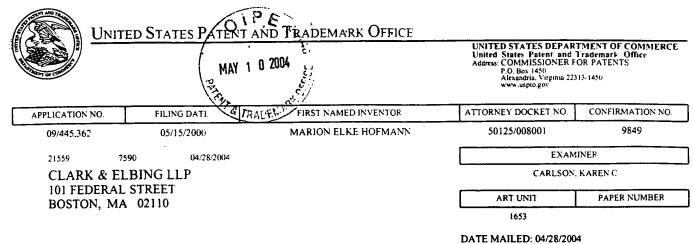
All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 6 May 2004

Karen L. Elbing, Ph.D.

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address
This application is abandoned in view of:
<ul> <li>1.</li></ul>
(b) A proposed reply was received on, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
(c) A reply was received on but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a bona fide attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in box 7 below).
(d) ⊠ No reply has been received.
2. Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
(a) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
(b) The submitted fee of \$ is insufficient. A balance of \$ is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$
(c) The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
(a) Proposed corrected drawings were received on (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
(b) \[ \sum \text{No corrected drawings have been received.} \]
4. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
5. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. The reason(s) below:  The reason(s) below:  The reason(s) below:
KAREN COCHRANE CARLSON, PH.D PRIMARY EXAMINER

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.

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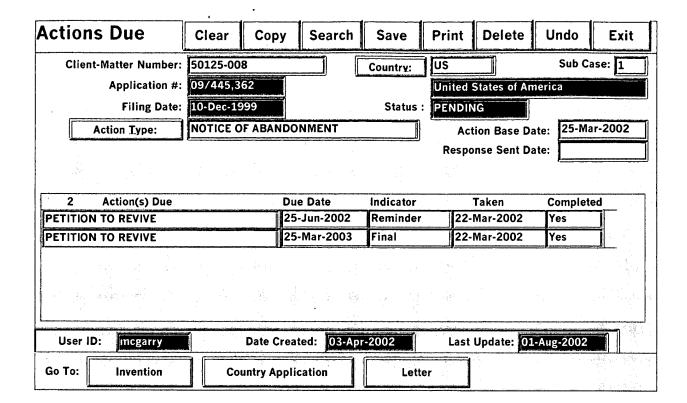
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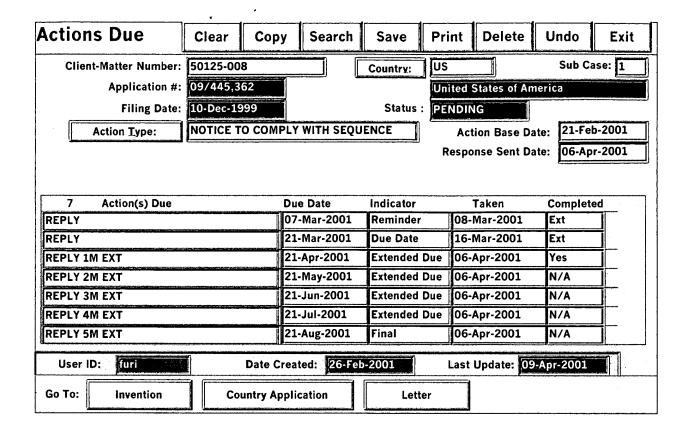
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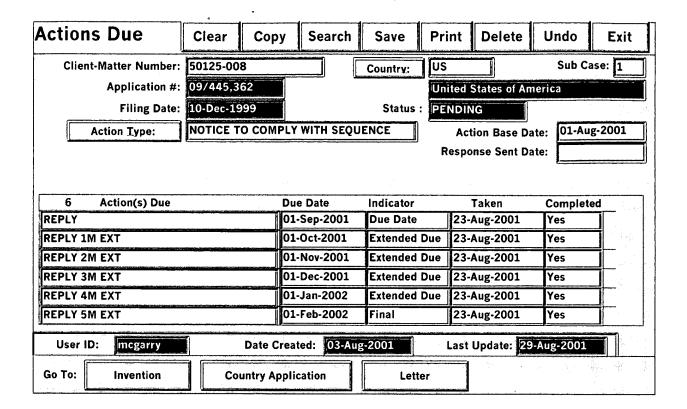
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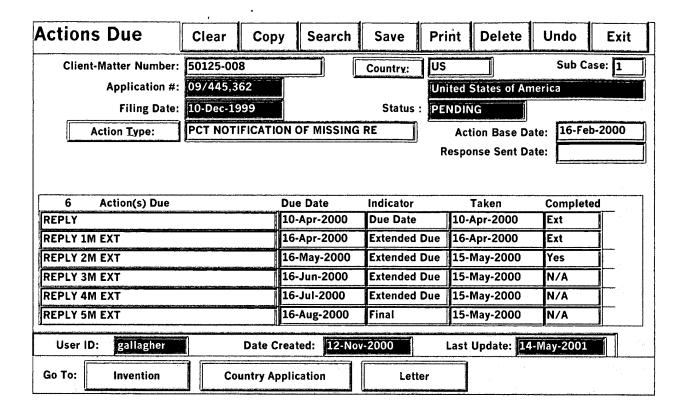
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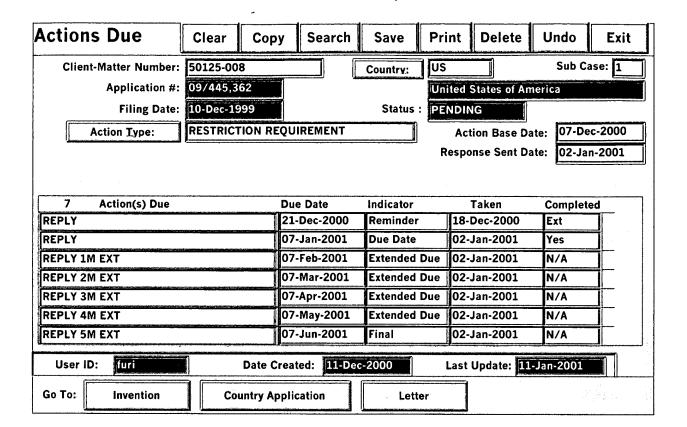


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